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MONTREAL FOR US REPRESENTATIVE ICAO

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SUBJECT : GOA POSITION ON SENEGALESE PROPOSAL TO ICAO COUNCIL

REF (A) CANBERRA 1274 (B) STATE 040163 (BOTH NOTAL)

1. PER REF (A), EMBASSY OFFICER FOLLOWED UP ON
GOA POSITION ON SENEGALESE PROPOSAL (REF B) ON ICAO
COUNCIL WITH DEPARTMENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA). IN
AUGUST 12 DISCUSSION WITH HUMPHREYS, NEW ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC POLICY BRANCH, AND PLATT,
EMBOFF REVIEWED AGAIN USG OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSAL.
HUMPHREYS NOTED THAT FINAL GOA POSITIONS FOR
SEPTEMBER ICAO ASSEMBLY MEETING STILL HAVE NOT BEEN
FORMALLY APPROVED. HOWEVER, HE EMPHASIZED THAT DFA
AND PYMAN, FIRST ASST. DIRECTOR-GENERAL, AIR TRANSPORT
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GROUP (FORMERLY DEPT. OF CIVIL AVIATION) IN MELBOURNE

AGREE ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) GOA DOES NOT WISH TO SEE GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION REQUIREMENT APPLIED TO FIRST AND SECOND PARTS OF COUNCIL ELECTION. GOA AGREES WITH USG VIEW (POINT D, PARA 6 OF REF B) THAT PRESENT SYSTEM IS SATISFACTORY.

(B) DFA WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SHARE LEGAL OPINIONS WITH USG ON WHETHER SENEGALESE PROPOSAL WOULD IMPOSE REQUIREMENTS CONTRARY TO ARTICLE 50 (B) OF THE CHICAGO CONVENTION. DFA IS NOW SEEKING LEGAL ADVICE ON THIS WITHIN GOA.

(C) GOA WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY OPPOSE ANY MOVE RESTRICT ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERS TO STAND FOR COUNCIL UNDER ONE CATEGORY ONLY.

(D) GOA BELIEVES 30 COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE ENOUGH AND SUPPORTS PRESENT 10-10-10 ALLOCATION. HOWEVER, IF AUSTRALIA HAS TO CHOOSE BETWEEN SENEGALESE PROPOSAL AS PREVIOUSLY DETAILED AND POSSIBLE BELGIAN PROPOSAL TO ADD THREE NEW MEMBERS, GOA WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY PREFER BELGIAN PROPOSAL AS LESSER OF TWO EVILS.

2. HUMPHREY SAID GOA VERY HOPEFUL THAT USG WILL SUPPORT ITS CANDIDACY FOR ELECTION TO COUNCIL UNDER FIRST PART, OBSERVING THAT RESPONSES TO DATE IN WASHINGTON TO AUST. EMBASSY APPROACHES HAVE BEEN "ENCOURAGING." EMBASSY OFFICER MADE NO COMMENT ON THIS POINT. HUMPHREYS CONCEDED THAT GOA WOULD SETTLE FOR MEMBERSHIP UNDER SECOND PART, OBSERVING THAT ONLY DIFFERENCE IS "PRESTIGE".

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE WHATEVER LEGAL INTERPRETATION AVAILABLE ON CONFLICT OF SENEGALESE PROPOSALS WITH CHICAGO CONVENTION AS GOA OBVIOUSLY WOULD LIKE FURTHER GROUNDS FOR OPPOSING. ALSO, ANY GUIDANCE PROBABLE US ATTITUDE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO GOA ELECTION TO COUNCIL WOULD BE HELPFUL.
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